

REVISED AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. • Room C450 State Capitol

Approximate
Time Frame

- 2:00 1. Committee Business**
- Call to order
 - Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting
- 2:05 2. Open and Public Meetings Act Revisions -- Availability of Minutes** (draft legislation)
During the October meeting, the Committee approved in concept draft legislation but requested a change to provide an indication, on certain released written minutes, that the minutes have not been approved by the public body and are subject to change.
- 2:20 3. Online Voter Registration and Declaration of Candidacy Amendments** (draft legislation)
During the September meeting, the Committee discussed online voter registration as a means to expand options for voter registration and reduce administrative burdens associated with paper registration forms. Capturing a required voter signature through driver license records was also discussed. The Committee asked staff to prepare draft legislation.
- Michael J. Cragun, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- 2:40 4. Declaration of Candidacy Amendments** (draft legislation)
During the June meeting, a representative of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor made the suggestion that if Constitutional Amendment C passes, the start date of the Legislative General Session will be moved back from the third Monday to the fourth Monday in January. This would make the General Session overlap the declaration of candidacy period for all candidates for the general election. The amendment passed and the Chairs asked staff to prepare draft legislation.
- Michael J. Cragun, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- 2:55 5. Ballot Coordination Revisions and Optional By-Mail Elections for Local Districts** (draft legislation)
During the May and September meetings, the Committee discussed providing a single ballot on election day that would include all candidates and measures for which each voter is entitled to vote. After study by the County Clerks, two measures have been recommended for the Committee's consideration toward that goal. Draft legislation is being prepared as follows:
- Coordinating Municipal and Special District Elections
 - Local and Special Service District Election Amendments
 - Bryan Thompson, Association of County Clerks (Utah County)
 - Scott L. Hogensen, Association of County Clerks (Utah County)

3:30 6. Election Law Changes from the County Clerks (draft legislation)

During the August meeting, the Committee received a list of four suggested changes to the Election Code from representatives of the County Clerks. These changes are being prepared into draft legislation for the Committee's consideration as follows:

- *Voter Challenge Amendments*
- *Ballot Question Amendments*
- *Access to Voter Date of Birth Records*
- *Early Voting Amendments*

- Bryan Thompson, Association of County Clerks (Utah County)
- Scott L. Hogensen, Association of County Clerks (Utah County)

4:35 7. State Agency Requirements - Forms and Returned Mail (draft legislation)

4:45 8. Other Items / Adjourn